

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
Southern District of OhioFILED
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In the Matter of the Search of

*(Briefly describe the property to be searched
or identify the person by name and address)*Priority Mail Package Tracking Number
9505512588913017581582 postmarked January 17,
2023

Case No.

3:23-mj-22

U.S. DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DIST. OHIO
WEST. DIV. DAYTON

APPLICATION FOR A WARRANT BY TELEPHONE OR OTHER RELIABLE ELECTRONIC MEANS

I, a federal law enforcement officer or an attorney for the government, request a search warrant and state under penalty of perjury that I have reason to believe that on the following person or property *(identify the person or describe the property to be searched and give its location)*:

Priority Mail Package, 99505512588913017581582, addressed to Laura Susana 551 cedarhurst Av. Dayton Ohio 45402 with a return address of Michael Granados- Elm St. Nogales Az. 85621.

located in the Southern District of Ohio, there is now concealed *(identify the person or describe the property to be seized)*:

Controlled Substances, materials and documents reflecting the distribution of controlled substances through the U.S. Mails, including money and/or monetary instruments paid for controlled substances.

The basis for the search under Fed. R. Crim. P. 41(c) is *(check one or more)*:

- ☒ evidence of a crime;
- ☒ contraband, fruits of crime, or other items illegally possessed;
- ☒ property designed for use, intended for use, or used in committing a crime;
- ☐ a person to be arrested or a person who is unlawfully restrained.

The search is related to a violation of:

Code Section

21 U.S.C. 841(a)(1)

21 U.S.C. 846

21 U.S.C. 843(b)

Offense Description

Distribution and possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

Conspiracy to distribute/possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance

Use of a communication facility to commit a felony

The application is based on these facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.☐ Delayed notice of _____ days *(give exact ending date if more than 30 days)* _____ is requested under 18 U.S.C. § 3103a, the basis of which is set forth on the attached sheet.

Joseph L. Rossiter

Applicant's signature

Joseph L. Rossiter, U.S. Postal Inspector

Printed name and title

Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by

Telephone _____ *(specify reliable electronic means)*.

Date: January 20, 2023

City and state: Dayton, OH

Caroline H. Gentry

Caroline H. Gentry
United States Magistrate Judge



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
WESTERN DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEARCH OF
PRIORITY MAIL PACKAGE TRACKING
NUMBER 9505512588913017581582

Case No. 3:23-mj-22

Filed Under Seal

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF
AN APPLICATION FOR A SEARCH WARRANT

I, **Joseph L. Rossiter**, being first duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

1. I am a United States Postal Inspector and have been since May 2016. I am presently assigned to the Cincinnati Field Office of the United States Postal Inspection Service, Pittsburgh Division, with investigative responsibility for southeast Indiana and southern Ohio. Part of my responsibility involves investigating the illicit use of the United States Mails in the transportation of narcotics, other dangerous controlled substances, and financial proceeds from, or instrumentalities used in, the sale of such narcotics and controlled substances (hereinafter, "Drugs and/or Proceeds").
2. Based on my training and experience as a United States Postal Inspector, I have become aware that drug traffickers frequently use United States Priority Mail Express (overnight) or Priority Mail (2-3-day) to transport Drugs and/or Criminal Proceeds. Additionally, as a result of prior investigations, law enforcement training, and successful controlled-substance prosecutions involving the use of the United States Mail, I have learned of certain common characteristics and/or circumstances that indicate that a package may contain Drugs and/or Criminal Proceeds. These circumstances and/or characteristics include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following: the mailer uses different post offices on the same day to send packages, the return address is false or non-existent, the addressee is not known to receive mail at the listed delivery

address, the package is heavily taped, the package is mailed from a known drug source location, the labeling information contains misspellings, the label contains an illegible waiver signature, unusual odors emanate from the package, and the listed address is located in an area of known or suspected drug activity.

3. On January 19, 2023, The United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) Phoenix Division provided information to the USPIS Cincinnati Field Office that they had intercepted a package bound for the Dayton, OH area and was suspected to contain narcotics and/or proceeds. USPIS Phoenix Division sent the package directly to the USPIS Cincinnati Field Office. On January 20, 2023, Postal Inspectors at the USPIS Cincinnati Field Office received the package from the USPIS Phoenix Division. The package (hereinafter "the Package") is a Priority Mail flat rate envelope, bearing tracking number 9505512588913017581582, postmarked January 17, 2023, with the following address information:

Sender: Michael Granados-
Elm St.
Nogales Az. 85621

Addressee: Laura Susana
551 cedarhurst Av.
Dayton Ohio 45402

Based upon my prior training and experience as a Postal Inspector, I know that the Southern Arizona area is a known drug source location.

4. I performed a check in the CLEAR database for the addressee's information on the Package of "Laura Susana 551 cedarhurst Av. Dayton Ohio 45402." CLEAR is a law enforcement database that is used as a tool by investigators designed to link subjects to a particular address. According to CLEAR, there is no "Laura Susana" associated with 551 Cedarhurst Ave, Dayton, OH 45402.

5. I also performed a check in CLEAR for the sender's information listed on the Package of "Michael Granados- Elm St. Nogales Az. 85621." According to CLEAR, there is no "Michael Granados" associated with any address on Elm St, Nogales, AZ 85621.

6. On January 20, 2023, at my request, Newport Police Department Officer Chris Boyd conducted a narcotics-detection canine "free air" check of the outside of the Package. I was present during said check. The Package was placed in a controlled area and presented to narcotics-detection canine, "Rexo." As set forth in the attached affidavit of Officer Boyd, "Rexo" alerted positively for the presence or odor of a narcotic or other controlled substance. "Rexo" is a properly trained and certified narcotics-detection canine.

7. Based on my prior law enforcement training and experience as a United States Postal Inspector, the Package's address information, including (i) no known association between the sender and return address, (ii) no known association between the addressee and recipient address, and (iii) the positive alert of the narcotics-detection canine are all indicative of, and consistent with Drugs and/or Proceeds being present in the Package.

Therefore, I respectfully request a search warrant to be issued authorizing the opening of the Package.

Further, your affiant sayeth naught.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph L. Rossiter

Joseph L. Rossiter
Postal Inspector
United States Postal Inspection Service

Subscribed and sworn to ~~and before me~~ this 20th day of January, 2023.
by reliable electronic means (telephone)

Caroline H. Gentry
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United States Magistrate Judge





UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE

PITTSBURGH DIVISION

OFFICER AFFIDAVIT

I, Officer Chris Boyd, am and have been employed by the
Newport P.D. since 2014. Among other duties, I am currently the assigned
handler of narcotics detection canine "Pexo" which is trained and certified in the
detection of the presence or odor of narcotics described as follows:

Marijuana, Cocaine, Methamphetamine, and Heroin

On 01/20/23, at the request of Postal Inspector **ROSSITER**, I responded to the **USPIS**
Cincinnati Field Office, where "Pexo" did alert to and indicate upon: [describe item]

9505 5125 88913017581582
Michael Granados - Laura Susana
Elm St. 551 Cedarhurst Av.
Nogales Az. 85621 Dayton Ohio 45402

Which, based upon my training and experience and that of "Pexo", indicates
there is contained within or upon the above described item, the presence or odor of
a narcotic or other controlled substance.

[Signature] 0257 1/20/23
(Signature, Badge #, and Date)

[Signature] 1/20/23
(Witness/Date)